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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Yoshihisa IBA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2813**

Serial Number: **10/774,496**

Examiner: **Jack SJ. Chen**

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For: **METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**

Attorney Docket Number: **042075**

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 28, 2005

Sir:

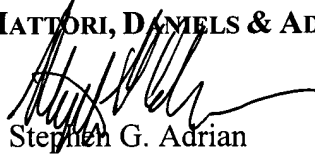
In response to the requirement for an election of species dated September 28, 2005, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species 1, (Figs. 1A-1J) without traverse. It is believed that claims 1-9 read on the elected species. The applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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